

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 21 August 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment to SOP 259

Melissa Lee, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 9

Replace *clause 9(4)(d)(ii)* (page 9) with:

- (ii) a person who reasonably believes that they are likely to benefit from the death of A, including by having considered whether B may inherit property from the estate of A; or

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends Supplementary Order Paper No 259 amending the End of Life Choice Bill by requiring that a form consenting to assisted dying cannot be signed on behalf of a person by someone who is reasonably likely to receive some kind of inheritance following the person's death.

The implications of such a conflict of interest are obvious. This Supplementary Order Paper provides a greater degree of protection as it requires the possible beneficiary to have turned their mind to the possibility of inheriting from the person who is likely shortly to be dead following the application of euthanasia or assisted suicide.